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Cleanliness in Aircraft
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether aircraft in the country often lack cleanliness as cleaners do not give sufficient time as required to clean the aircraft;

(b) if so, whether germs and bacteria are found in aircraft due to uncleanliness resulting in diseases to passengers; and

(c) if so, the guidelines for cleanliness of aircraft as per norms of International Air Transport Association and the steps proposed to be taken to ensure allocation of adequate time for cleanliness in aircraft?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (c): Cleaning of Aircraft is guided by the policy of individual Airlines. In general, for domestic operations, airlines provide 30 to 45 minutes turnaround time. For international operations, such time is between 1 hour to 2 hours between two sectors depending upon the size of aircraft.

In addition to the above, aircraft are subjected to extended cleaning and deep cleaning schedule during longer grounding.
Besides cleaning of aircraft, airlines are following disinfection treatment schedule to maintain the hygienic condition of aircraft.